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FIRST SLED RIDE--When winter finally arrived in Letcher County, it made its presence known with a four-inch snowfall and a six or eight-inch one (depending on who's telling the story), but the wind and the cold didn't bother this little girl, who was taking her first ride on a sled and stopped to talk with a friendly puppy. An older sister provided the pulling power.

Strip mine control bill passes

The Kentucky legislature has passed the Breathitt administration's controversial bill to control strip mines more rigidly. The measure was voted into

Teachers protest

Letcher County teachers will stage a one-day protest against the failure of the Breathitt administration to recommend \$900 a year raises for teachers.

They will protest by staying away from school Thursday, Feb. 3. The county school board has okayed their action.

The protest here is part of a statewide movement sponsored by the Kentucky Education Association, which also has threatened to ask the National Education Association to invoke sanctions against Kentucky for its failure to provide better financial support for its schools.

Seek crossing help

A petition bearing 2,500 signatures has been sent to Gov. Edward T. Breathitt asking assistance in making the crossing of the L&N railroad at Letcher School safer.

Bill Banks, a Letcher teacher who helped circulate the petition, said the governor had said he would look into the matter.

Banks said citizens at the school have pleaded with the L&N to take some measures to make the crossing safer, but the railroad has always replied that the county could build a new road.

Several times cars and buses loaded with children have become stalled on the crossing with trains bearing down on them, Banks said.

law by an overwhelming margin after several weeks of charges by the mining industry that the proposed law would destroy strip mining in Kentucky and counter charges by the supporters of the measure that Kentucky had to choose between preservation of the land for future generations and preservation of the strip mining industry.

Still under discussion by the legislature is another bill which would amend the old long-form deeds to make them inapplicable to strip mining.

Landowners have contended that miners are coming on their property without permission, and min-

ing companies have contended that the deeds give them the right to go and do whatever necessary to get to their coal.

This last bill is known as the "Widow Combs bill" in honor of the Knott County woman who lay down in front of a strip miner's bulldozer to keep it from going onto her property.

After the legislature passed the strip mine control bill, owners of mining firms said they would wait to see how the Department of Natural Resources interprets provisions of the bill before deciding whether to continue in business after the law takes effect next June.

Youth committed

A 17-year-old Letcher County boy has been sent to the Kentucky Reception Center for juveniles at Lyndon on charges in connection with the fire which destroyed the Veterans of Foreign Wars post garage early Jan. 15.

The youth, Larry Sexton, was charged with arson and breaking and entering. He was taken before County Judge James M. Caudill, who committed him to the reception center.

Also arrested in connection with the case was Albert Caudill, who was charged with possession of stolen goods. He has waived examining trial pending action of the grand jury and has been released on bond.

Sheriff Maynard Hogg said he and deputies traced footprints leading in the mud away from the building to the home of Caudill, where they found Sexton

and Caudill, along with several items of clothing which had been stored in the garage by the local Salvation Army Service Unit. The clothing was new and matched that which had been in the building, Hogg said.

Also destroyed in the building was a complete emergency hospital owned by the federal government and assigned to the local Civil Defense Unit.

Loss from the fire was estimated at \$350,000. Hogg said most of it was the equipment for the hospital.

The fire occurred at 3 a. m. and by 10 the sheriff and state police, who also were called, had the youth and the man in jail. The Federal Bureau of Investigation arrived later; it was called because the hospital was federal government property.

Grade school will reopen

Classes will resume at Whitesburg Grade School when other students return to school after a weather-prompted holiday.

The grade school has been closed since Jan. 17, when Whitesburg Fire Chief Remious Day ordered the old high school building and the grade school building shut down as unsafe for human occupancy.

Repair work has been under way for the past week, and Day and Dr. Richard Keeler, county health officer, have decided that schools may be reopened on a temporary, emergency basis so that the school term can be completed.

Both officials emphasized that their approval of the reopening is only on an emergency basis.

Day said the school buildings are now--since the repairs have been made--up to "minimum standard" for fire safety. He explained that "minimum standard" means "as low as you can get without closing 'em."

Dr. Keeler said the county board of health had held a called meeting on the subject of sanitation facilities at the schools, which he said do not meet even the minimum state requirements for ordinary sessions. He said the board had looked at the situation from the aspect that sanitation is below the minimum and from the aspect of letting children get the rest of their school year completed. The board decided, he said, that for the rest of the year on an emergency basis it could let the schools get by on a level under the minimums if soap, towels, wastebaskets and toilet tissue were provided in adequate amounts and special attention was paid to cleanliness.

But, said Dr. Keeler, the health department is not accepting the buildings for continued use and if health officials see nothing being done by the end of May to bring sanitation facilities up to state standards, "then as far as we're concerned the buildings will be closed and will remain closed."

He said no more plumbing could be added to either building, but new toilet facilities could be added in the two newer buildings on the Whitesburg campus (the gym and the English building) or to any new construction which may be started.

Day said he was not accepting the buildings as being safe but was reopening them strictly on an emergency basis. The buildings are at the "minimum level acceptable for emergencies," he said.

Day indicated that unless the board of education takes steps to install sprinkler systems, new fire exits for classrooms, new fire escapes and various other safety measures in the grade school or shows actual plans and a timetable for construction of a new grade school, he will close the grade school permanently at the end of this school year.

"As far as I'm concerned the high school building (the old one) is out as quick as this term is out," Day said, "and so are the 'chicken coops.'" (Students refer to some of the temporary classrooms on the campus as "chicken coops.")

Day emphasized repeatedly that the schools are being reopened only "under extreme emergency" conditions. He said he will close the buildings indefinitely unless he has a strict plan for replacement or proper repair at the end of this school term. He indicated also that under city building codes, no major remodeling can be done

to a structure if the cost of the remodeling would be more than 50 per cent of the value of the building. He estimated that remodeling required to bring the grade school up to standard would cost about 75 per cent of its value.

The repair work that has been done on the two buildings includes only what was recommended by the state fire marshal's office, and by the state department of education.

It consists of:

1. Enclosing the stairways at the grade school with one-hour fire retardant materials and installation of metal doors with self-closing devices at the heads of the stairways.
2. Installation of a one-hour fire retardant metal door at the entrance to the boys' restroom in the grade school, which leads to the basement and the furnace room.
3. Inspection and certification of furnace boilers.
4. Removal of the steps leading to the auditorium balcony from the second floor of the grade school.
5. Closing and sealing off the second floor and basement of the old high school building, which will not be used. Installation of fire retardant materials above the furnace in the old high school.
6. Installation of fire-retardant glass in grade school windows fronting on the fire escapes. This work has not been completed, but the glass has been ordered.

7. A general cleaning-up of both buildings and the gymnasium building, which has required the services of a large crew of maintenance men for several days.

8. Repair of plaster which had been falling in several rooms, although leaks in the roof already had come through the new plaster in at least one room.

When Day inspected the buildings this week, he directed Supt. of Schools Dave L. Craft also to install metal doors at the entrances of each classroom on the second floor to replace the panel wood doors now there. He said this would retard fire long enough to permit him to get a ladder to the window of a room if children were trapped in it by fire in the hall outside. He also asked Craft to have pipe or some sort of handrail installed on the building walls next to the outside fire escapes so that children on the side of the fire escape away from the present railing would have something to hold on to.

Both Day and Dr. Keeler said they plan to make frequent inspections of the buildings during the rest of the school year to see that even the emergency standards are being maintained.

Day said he will work out new fire drill plans for the children, changing some of the previous escape routes. One parent who inspected the building along with Day noted that her child had said fire drills are nearly always "held at 1 o'clock," which gives the students a proper plan of escape for only one of several rooms they may be in during a day.

Closing of the basement of the old high school also closes the school lunchroom, which had been serving about 600 student lunches a day. Most of these will bring lunches or buy them in town, but school officials are trying to work out plans for feeding 100 or so who now receive free lunches and

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Jenkins

FLEMINGS VISIT IN LOUISVILLE; GROUP ENJOYS SLEDDING PARTY ON B&O HILL

By MRS. JIM REVIS

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Fleming visited their daughter, Mrs. Billy Joe Dunn, in Louisville and brought their grandson Kenny Green home with them for a week. They drove Kenny back to Lexington, where his parents met him and took him on home. The Flemings drove their nephew John Huffman to Richmond, where he attends Eastern State College.

David Sehorne, son of Mr. and Mrs. Doug Sehorne, was a patient at Jenkins Clinic for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Crayton Hall visited their children, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Hall of Frankfort, Carolyn Hall of Louisville and Margaret and her husband in New Albany, Ind.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mullins had

Millstone notes

Jesse Holbrook Jr. called from Orlando, Fla., recently to talk with his parents, the Jesse Holbrooks Sr., and his sister, Mrs. Jim Boyd, and her family. Visiting in Orlando when he called were Mr. and Mrs. Curt Collins of Kona and Judge Bart N. Peak of Lexington, father of Mrs. Holbrook. The Collinses also visited his brother, Dishman Collins, Winter Park, Fla.; and nephews, J. W. Tolliver of Orlando and Robert Leo Tolliver of Fort Pierce, Fla. In Atlanta, Ga., the Collinses picked up the mother of J. W. Tolliver and took her down for a visit.

Bennie Holbrook and family of Lexington were here recently for a visit with relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Collins, Mr. and Mrs. Hayse Profit and Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Holbrook.

Mrs. Jesse Holbrook (Bertha) of Kona has been a patient in a Lexington hospital.

The home of the Paul Sextons of Colson was destroyed by fire recently.

A truck load of books for the Millstone Community Center Library has arrived from Berea.

Empty shoe boxes make perfect drawer dividers and keep small things in reach and neat and tidy in the children's dresser drawers.

Mrs. Lakie McCown was the recent guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Wright in Thornton. Mrs. McCown is a student in Cumberland Beauty College. Her husband, Larry, is in Viet Nam.

as visitors their daughters, Connie and her husband of Lexington and Mickey and her husband and seven children of Delaware.

Mrs. Carita Johnson and Mrs. Cicero Lewis went to Shady Valley, Tenn., to spend some time with Mrs. Johnson's parents.

Ira Johnson of Mudtown was ill recently.

Claudette Elswick also has been ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Branham had as visitors her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Boyd of Winchester; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Branham; his sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dee Gibson, and Larry of Louisville, and his brother, Bobby Branham, also of Louisville.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jessee had as guests their children, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Green Jr., Wendy, Paul and Richard, of Orlando, Fla.; her sister, Mrs. James Pike and Mr. Pike of Cleveland, Tenn.; and another sister, Mrs. Kenneth Kelly and her family of Knoxville.

Miss Joan Mullins and Donley Branham visited Mrs. Judy Branham.

We would like to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Prunty and their three children back to this area. Mr. Prunty sells mine equipment for the Joy Manufacturing Co. He has been working in Ellsworth, Pa., and has been transferred to Norton, Va. Mrs. Prunty has been staying with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mullins of McRoberts while they are looking for a house. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Prunty of Jenkins. The Pruntys have a new daughter, Scarlett Ann, born December 5.

I really enjoyed aphone conversation with my second cousin, Mack Adams, whom I have never seen, but was sorry to learn his wife had been in the hospital at Pikeville. The Adams's son, Cpl. Robert Joe Adams, spent seven months in Hawaii and came home for a 10-day leave. He is now being sent to Viet Nam. He's in the Marines. I have a cousin, Sgt. James Alfred Davis, also in the Marines, who is on the front lines in Viet Nam.

Our sympathy goes to the family of George Fleming, who died at the Pikeville hospital.

Matt Bolling has been ill.

Jimmy Puckett was here from Harlan for a visit with his mother, Mildred, and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Matt Bolling.

Connie Jo Bolling celebrated her seventh birthday at her home with a party earlier this month.

Teresa Woodard missed school

because of illness.

S. H. Stambaugh has been ill. Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Branham visited friends and relatives in Louisville.

Rachel Revis celebrated her sixth birthday Jan. 16 with a few friends in for cake and ice cream. They were Mrs. Ray Goff, Tracy, and Lisa; Mrs. Franklin Varson, Kelvin and Kim; Mrs. Paul Lowe and Ginger; Mrs. Eugene Woodard and Teresa, Jimmy and Melody

Card of Thanks

We, the children of Mrs. Malissia B. Webb, wish to say "Thank you" to the Drs. Schoffstall, Piggman and Jamadar who were so kind to her during her last illness and to the nurses, also, who were so sweet and kind to her.

To the ones who brought food, sent flowers, the ministers for comforting words and prayers, and those who came to be with us: each of these kind gestures we loved and appreciated.

To the Moore and Craft Funeral Home who were so efficient and kind, we say thank you.

We feel she was one of the best mothers anyone could have had. May God bless each of you.

MRS. NORMA COLE
MRS. CORA LEE SPARKS
MRS. ROSE D. S. TAYLOR
GEORGE W. WEBB
ROBERT E. WEBB
MRS. ELLENE W. BACK
MRS. PERCIE JEAN HUNSUCKER

Card of Thanks

The family of Silas Banks wants to thank everyone for being so nice and good to us in our time of need. We thank you fine people for the food and all the kind words that were said.

We want to thank everyone for the flowers and we thank the Blair funeral home for being so nice and good to the family.

Dad, may you rest in your new home faraway. And some day we want to come home and be with you. So sleep on Dad and someday we will meet you on the other shore. Dad, we can't ever say goodbye. We are just going to say so long for just a little while. Dad, may you rest with God forever.

The family of SILAS BANKS

Books received

Among new books recently received at the Letcher County Public Library are:

"Morning and Noon," by Dean Acheson; "A Guide to Conducting Meetings," by John E. Baird; "A Concise History of Italy," by Eric Whelpton; "Yesterday's People," by Jack E. Weller; "Questions and Answers on Real Estate," by Robert Somenow; "Daniel Boone," by John Bakeless; "Kennedy" by Theodore Sorenson; "Give Joy to My Youth (A Memoir of Dr. Tom Dooley)" by Teresa Gallagher, and "The Decision to Drop the Bomb," by Giovannitti and Freed.

LEGAL NOTICE HEARING

PROPOSED HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION

Pursuant to Section 128 of Title 23 of the United States Code, a public hearing will be held Friday, February 4, 1966, at 10:00 a. m., prevailing local time, in the Letcher County Courthouse, Whitesburg, Kentucky. The purpose of this hearing is to afford all interested persons affected by the construction of the Whitesburg-Jenkins Road from the junction of Ky 15 near the ECL of Whitesburg to the end of the new construction Ky 804, 2.5 miles west of Payne Gap, a distance of 8.1 miles, project APD 127 (26), SP 67-119, an opportunity to express their views concerning the economic effect the improvement will have on the community. The construction will be grade and drain and high type surface. Aerial photographs for this project may be seen at the Pikeville District Office of the Department of Highways prior to the date of the hearing and at the hearing.

DISTRICT ENGINEER
Department of Highways
Pikeville, Kentucky

LEGAL NOTICE ASSISTANCE FOR DISPLACED FAMILIES AND BUSINESSES

In accordance with Chapter 1, Title 23, United States Code, Section 133, relocation assistance will be provided by the State Highway Department for those families and businesses displaced by the construction of the Whitesburg-Jenkins Road, Letcher County, Kentucky, APD 127 (26), S. P. 67-119.

For additional information concerning relocation assistance, contact Mr. Clyde B. Allen, Relocation Assistance Advisor for District No. 12, P. O. Box 2468, Pikeville, Kentucky.

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A graduate nurse interested in public health work. For further information contact the Letcher County Health Department.

CALL FOR BIDS

Bids shall be received for the furnishings required for the new Letcher County Health Center on February 14, 1966, at the County Judge's office, Letcher County Courthouse, Whitesburg, Kentucky. Copy of the information to be bid may be obtained by writing to William B. Moore, Architect, 314 South 5th Street, Louisville, Kentucky.

CALL FOR BIDS

The City Council of the City of Whitesburg will accept bids until 4 p.m., February 8, 1966, at the City Clerk's Office for City Vehicles to have grease jobs, wash jobs and flats fixed, stating price for trucks and cars. The Council reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Ferdinand Moore, Mayor
City of Whitesburg,

CALL FOR BIDS

The Letcher County Fiscal Court will accept sealed bids on:

1966 trucks conforming to the following specifications:
Model No. and make to be set forth by bidder
GVW not less than 19,000 pounds or better
Wheel base--157-160 inches
825x20--10 ply nylon highway tread front, 825x20--10 ply nylon mud and snow
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Springs--Front--heavy duty; Rear--springs with overloads, capacity not less than 16,000 pounds.

Rear axle--2 speed rated not less than 16,000 pounds.

Transmission--5 speeds forward with one speed reverse

Motor--6 cylinders--not less than 265 cubic inches

Wheels--cast iron spokes with spare rim and tire, highway tread

Mirrors--West Coast, both sides

Bids are to be made on a dump bed to be installed on the afore-described chassis to be supplied by bidder--bids on dump beds are to be listed separately.

Bids will be accepted with a view of purchasing one, two and three trucks.

Bids will be opened by the Letcher Fiscal Court at its regular meeting on the fourth day of February, 1966, and the Letcher County Fiscal Court reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

JAMES M. CAUDILL, Chairman

Serves in Germany

GRAFENWOHR, GERMANY--Army Pfc. Conrad G. Burns, 22, son of Mrs. Dora Burns, Neon, Ky., is participating in a four-week field training exercise ending Feb. 11 near Grafenwohr, Germany.

He is taking part in weapons firing and tactical maneuvers as part of an annual Army program to maintain the proficiency of combat units.

A medical aidman in Headquarters Battery, 6th Battalion of the 9th Artillery, he entered the Army in May, 1964, completed basic training at Fort Knox, Ky., and arrived overseas the following October.

He is a 1962 graduate of Fleming-Neon High School.

ESTATE NOTICE

To whom it may concern:

The undersigned has been appointed administratrix of the estate of Shafter Davidson, deceased. Anyone having claims against the estate should present them, properly verified according to law, at her home in Jenkins, Kentucky, before April 25, 1966.

ELIZABETH DAVIDSON, administratrix of the estate of SHAFER DAVIDSON, deceased.

Mrs. Helton dies

Funeral services for Mrs. Sarah Jones Helton, 79, were conducted Tuesday at the chapel of Blair Funeral Home by Elders Robert Sexton, Birthal Jones and Basil Hall. Burial was in the Couch family cemetery at Colson.

Mrs. Helton died Sunday at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Woodrow Couch, Camp Branch.

Besides her daughter she is survived by two sons, Sid Helton, Perry County, and George Helton, Colson; three other daughters, Mrs. Ollie Woods, Leslie County; Mrs. Quillie Holland, Bethel, Ohio, and Mrs. Lucy Sandlin, Knott County; two brothers, Birthal Jones, Roxana, and Ballard Jones, Austin, Ind., and a number of grandchildren.

Promoted

FORT HOOD, TEXAS--Emory Caudill, 23, son of Mrs. Ethel Eldridge, Blackey, was promoted to staff sergeant Jan. 12 at Fort Hood, where he is serving with the 2nd Armored Division.

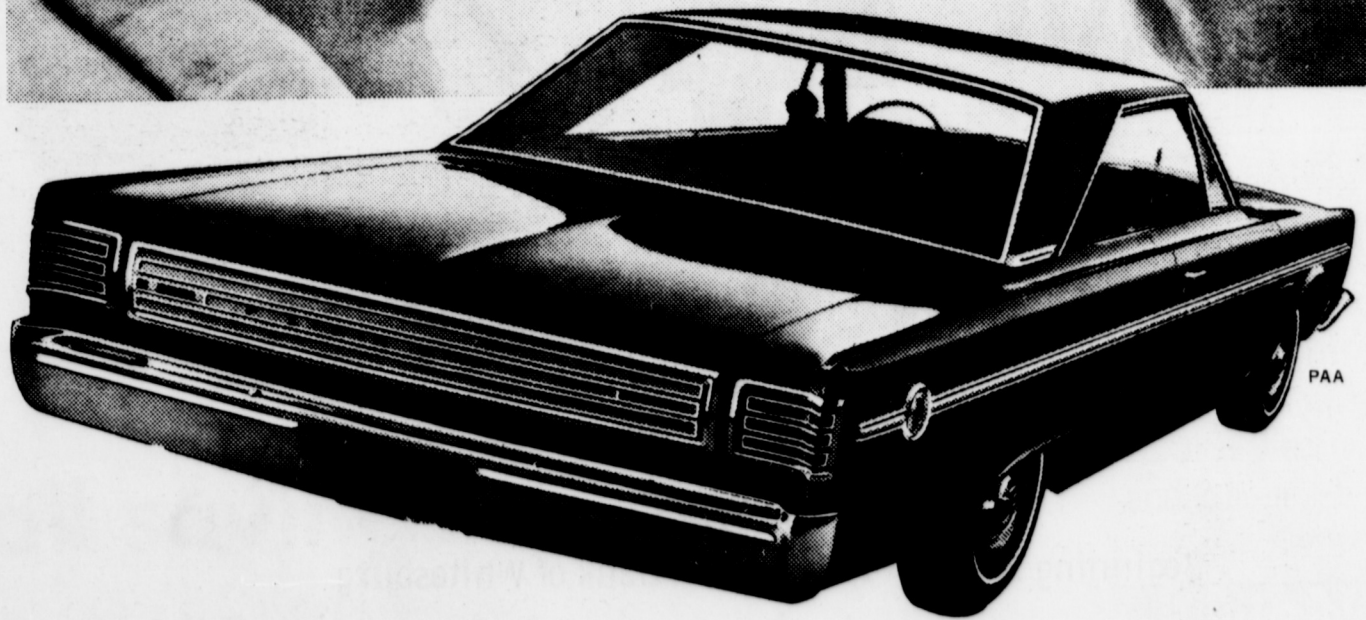
Sergeant Caudill, a tank commander in Troop B, 2nd Squadron of the division's 1st Cavalry, entered the Army in September, 1959, and has served in Europe. His wife, Glenna, lives in Copperas Cove, Texas.

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HOMEMAKERS MEET AT REASOR HOME; CORRESPONDENT NOTES INCREASING NUMBER OF WIDOWS

By BONNIE DEMPSEY
Phone 855-4421

The Fleming Homemakers met at the home of Margaret Reasor. Hostesses were Margaret Reasor and Alixe Roberts. The lesson was on meal planning. Refreshments were served to the following members--Billie McKinney, Dorcas Smith, Elizabeth Hall,

Della Martin and Freda Senters. My sister-in-law, Grace Adams, sent me a clipping from an Ashland newspaper showing a picture of the first baby born in 1966 at King's Daughters' Hospital. The parents were Mr. and Mrs. John W. Todd. She knew it would be of interest to all of us in this area because Mrs. Todd is the former Ana Carol Akers, daughter of our old friends Clarence

and Ruby Akers. Both have been dead several years, but I am sure we are all very much interested in their children.

Our sympathy to the family of the little Griffith baby who passed away last week.

Charlie Miller is home and improving after being a patient for several days in the Whitesburg hospital.

Death has again visited our town and taken another neighbor and long-time friend. Our deepest sympathy to the family of Harvey (Bud) Kuhl who passed away last week. Also we would like to send sympathy to the family of Mrs. Prudie Joyce who died at the home of her sister, Mrs. Brack Holland, with whom she was visiting. Mrs. Joyce's husband died at Thanksgiving just past.

Mrs. Cleo Mosley was in Hyden over the weekend visiting her brothers and families, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Morgan, and a sister, Mrs. Mark Mosley. On Sunday Mrs. Mosley visited the cemetery at Hyden where her husband is buried.

Do you know that without even thinking too long I can count between 30 and 40 widows in our little town. It is alarming how many men have passed away in the last five or six years, including four from this one block in the last eight months. I wonder if other towns around have had the same thing happen.

Mrs. Howard Foster was called home last week due to the death of her grandmother Fleenor. When she returned to her home in Louisville her mother-in-law, Mrs. Mary Wright, went with her. Mary plans to see a doctor while there and may enter a hospital, as she has been quite ill for some time. Her son Howard has not been feeling well either.

Sunday afternoon my husband and I and our daughter Gail and children enjoyed a visit with my brother, Alfred and Sarah Adams, but we were so sorry to find Sarah feeling so bad. She is not getting any better, but she still remains cheerful.

Elsie Reach has been suffering from a sore throat.

Recent guests of the Paul Bashams were their daughter, Violet, and her two daughters, Marlissia and Paula Maureen, of Cincinnati; their granddaughter, Karen Jenkins of Irvine, and their daughter-in-law, Mrs. John M. Basham, also of Cincinnati. One

Sunday morning Mrs. Basham has a happy surprise when she answered her doorbell and found her daughter Frances and some of Frances' friends at the door. But their stay was too short; they had to return home that afternoon. Frances told her mother that her son, Danny Webb, had his call to military service and passed his exam. She has just two children, a married son and Danny.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hounshell received a call from their grandson, A 1/c Rick Hounshell, who is stationed in Charleston, S.C., with the Air Force. He had arrived home for a visit with his parents, Lt. Col. and Mrs. Claude Hounshell, his brother Neil and sisters Brenda and Gail. All were enjoying their new home together. Rick had purchased a new Rambler car. All his family were fine.

Mrs. Ira Phillips suffered a heart attack and her sister, Mrs. Lloyd Phillips, suffered a stroke. Both are in the hospital at Norton, Va. They live at Pound, Va.

Alvin Bolling of Pound has been in critical condition at the hospital.

Kuhl rites held

Funeral services for Harvey (Bud) Kuhl, 64, were conducted Jan. 7 at the Fleming Baptist Church by the Rev. Lloyd Centers and the Rev. Don Downing. Burial was in Green Acres Cemetery at Whitesburg.

Mr. Kuhl died Jan. 5 at Vero Beach, Fla., after a long illness. He was born in Copen, W. Va., and was a son of Fred and Alice Kuhl. In 1924 he moved to Norton. In 1925 he married Matilda Newsome. He came to Fleming in 1930 and worked until his retirement for Elkhorn Coal Co. Surviving besides his wife are three sons, Homer Kuhl, Symena, Ga.; Charlie Kuhl, Alexandria, Va.; Lawrence Kuhl, London; three daughters, Jacqueline Kuhl, Vero Beach; Mrs. Billie Brooks, Fleming, and Mrs. Joyce Vinson, Campbellsville; three brothers, Alva, Archie and Jesse Kuhl, and two sisters, Mrs. Iva Calger and Mrs. Daisy Hines, all of West Virginia, and 11 grandchildren.

Banks and Craft Funeral Home handled funeral arrangements.

Roxana news

Mr. and Mrs. Wood Whitaker of Indiana visited Mr. and Mrs. Watson Whitaker of Roxana.

Michael Isom is working with his brother Rich in West Virginia driving a coal truck.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Joe Isom are parents of a son named Joey.

All boys who have new sleds were glad to see the new snow.

We are glad to have Mr. and Mrs. Willis Fields and family back in our neighborhood.

We are glad Mr. and Mrs. Fred Isom have moved into their new home.

Our sympathy goes to the family of Silas Banks, who died recently.

Miss Betty Carol Stamper is going to Eastern State College at Richmond.

Miss Mary Francis Stamper is at home very ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Astor Fields of Roxana have seven children confined at home with measles.

Miss Yvonne Williams has been ill with a very bad cold.

Mrs. Jackie Henson and baby of Cincinnati visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Blackburn Hogg.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Roy Fields are home from Indiana.

We were sorry to hear that Fred Isom's brother has been very ill.

CALL FOR BIDS

The Jenkins Board of Education is calling for bids on the purchase of the following:

Equipment and materials for use in the Elementary and Secondary Education Program--Title I.

Bids will also be accepted for sale of the following properties:

Band Mill Bottom residence and lot.

Tom Biggs School building and lot.

Garage at Tom Biggs school and lot.

Details may be obtained at the Office of Superintendent of Schools at Jenkins.

Bids will be accepted until 4:00 o'clock P. M. Monday, February 7, 1966.

JENKINS BOARD OF EDUCATION
Chester L. Sparks, Secretary

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Funeral rites held for Noah Holbrook

Funeral services for Noah Holbrook, 64, were conducted Jan. 22 at Thorn ton Regular Baptist Church by Elders Lloyd Pike, Ismay Sparks and Bill Sparks. Burial was in Green Acres Cemetery, Whitesburg.

Mr. Holbrook, a coal mine operator, died Jan. 19 at the Jenkins Clinic. He was a resident of Mayking. He was a son of John and Mary Ann Stewart Holbrook.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Julia Branson Holbrook; a daughter, Mrs. Betty Watts, Mayking; four brothers, Alvin Holbrook, Jefferson City, Tenn.; Hillard Holbrook, Cincinnati, Ohio; Frank Holbrook, New Albany, Ind., and B. A. Holbrook, Westville, Mass.; three sisters, Mrs. Betty Jane Napier, Cumberland; and Mrs. Susanna Stewart and Mrs. Nannie Webb, both of Mayking, and two granddaughters.

Moore and Craft Funeral Home handled funeral arrangements.

LEE ADAMS

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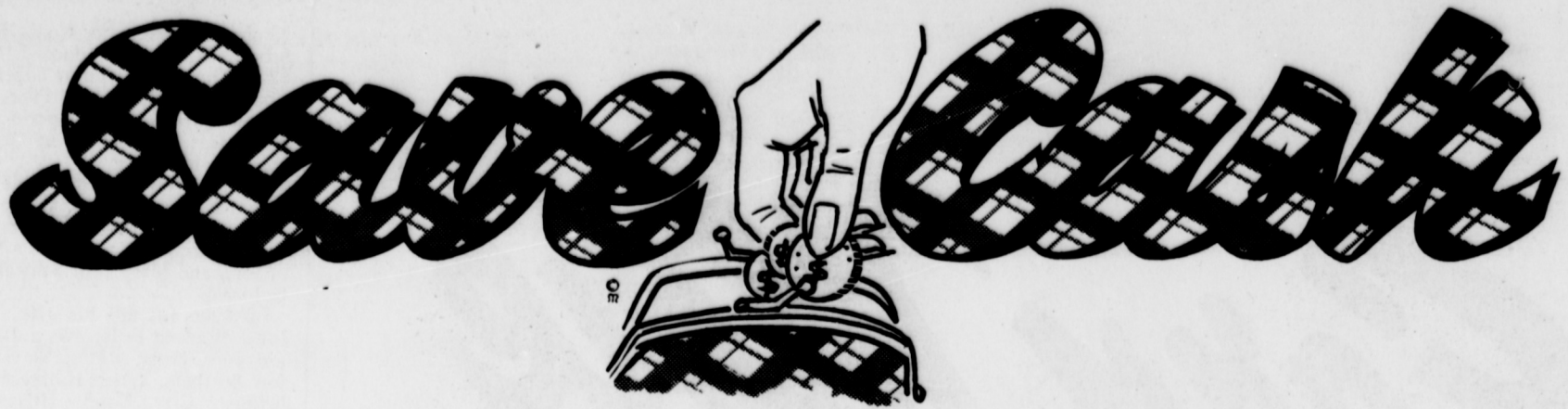
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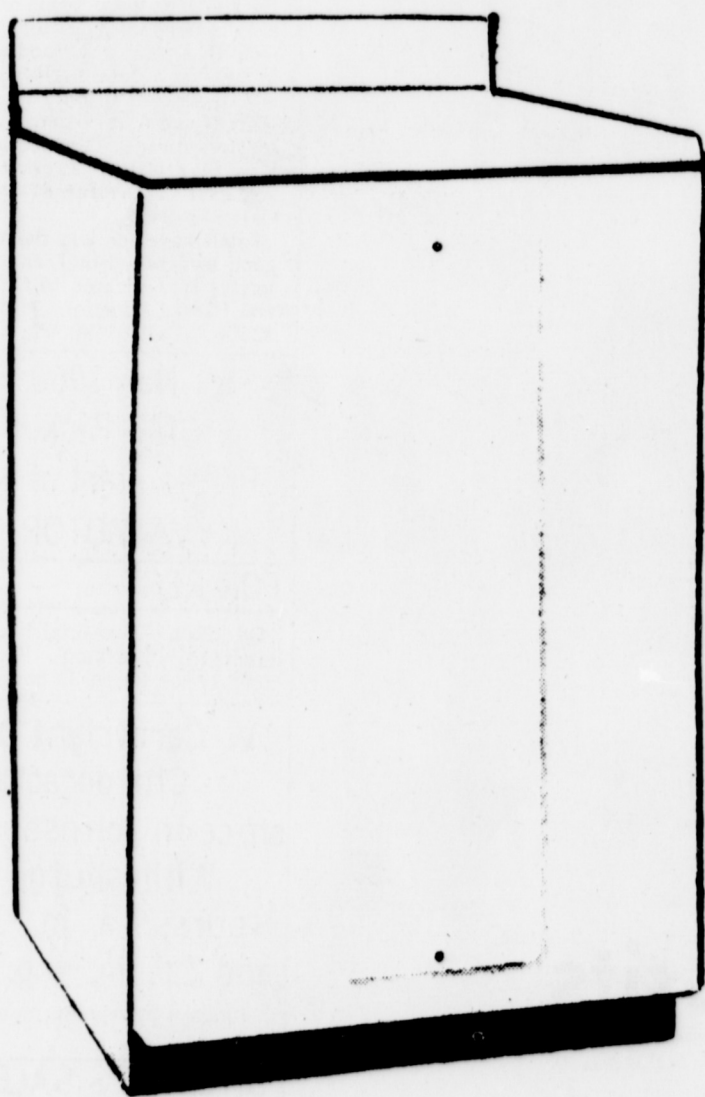
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THORNTON COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP RAISES FUNDS TO WORK ON CENTER

By MABEL KISER

The Thornton Community Action Group held a dinner Sunday at their community center building. The dinner netted \$78. Wonderful, and it was such a bad day. Proceeds will go toward work on the center, which is the abandoned Thornton School House.

The first snow, and winter weather is upon us. Most of us stayed home from church Sunday. I guess we thought we had to. There was nothing to ride but a car with an old heater inside to make the temperature from 70 to 80 degrees. A far cry from the time when I was a child, and all we had to ride to church was Old Beck, and we went. But then Old Beck had ice nails in her shoes and had four feet and was very sure-footed. Sunday was the Lord's day and we respected it as such. We went to church. Our crops flourished; our fruit trees bore an abundance of fruit, our corn cribs were full of bread corn, our larder (smoke-house) was full. Families had from five to 14 children, we loved one another, and we lived. There was no welfare but we ate well and slept warm. Neither our fathers nor our mothers ate the bread of idleness. I have seen the corn from the seed to the baked bread on the table and there are many drops of sweat in between. Too, I have seen the wool go from the sheep to the finished product, which is many a weary step. There was little mental illness--we just didn't have time. I have learned as the years go by that there is no balm like elbow grease. No sleep is so sweet as that of a laborer after a hard day's work.

I was very pleased to have a telephone call from my sister-in-law, Mrs. Carl Kiser of Melvindale, Mich. Mrs. Kiser was here for a visit with her mother, Mrs. L. W. King, who had been very ill. Her brother, Arlie King, who had been gravely ill in the Whitesburg Hospital, is home now but is far from well. Lucy told me that she recently flew to California to see her oldest daughter, Lula Kiser Scott. Lula and her husband have a new son, Robert Eugene, their third child. Lucy's oldest son, Don, and his family are in Texas. Fay and her family are in Garden City, Mich. Ben, the baby of the family, is home from the Army, married, and he and his wife are going to school in Michigan. Ben is studying business and will be an accountant. His wife will teach school. And just yesterday these were children playing with my children on Millstone!

Recent dinner guests of the Dave Collier were Elder Orville Tackett and two friends from Virgie. Other guests in the Collier home were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wright and twin daughters, Cecilia and Amelia, of Jenkins. Mr. and Mrs. Newt Collier of Mayking called Sunday afternoon.

Steve Caudill of Ermine is doing fine after a recent sick spell. Mrs. Nan Bentley and son, Jerry, are home after a wonderful visit with her children in Ohio and Indiana. They visited, among others, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Taylor, in Winchester, Ohio. They were doing fine and were having some remodeling done on their home. They saw Stella Salyers, Cora Mullins, Jimmy Bentley, John Vent Bentley and many of the other children. They came home tired but very happy and laden with many wonderful gifts from the children. Everything handy in the kitchen they bought her.

Recent dinner guests of the Sherd Martins were Elder and Mrs. Eppie Holbrook of Kite.

We extend our sympathy to the family of Charles and Betty Hall Addington of Louisville, whose daughter, Regina Kaye, almost four, died last week. Little Sissie, as they called her, took pneumonia and was taken to the hospital but lived only a short time. She was brought back here to the home of her paternal grandparents, Elder and Mrs. Lundy Addington, on Craft's Colly. Her funeral was conducted there by Elder Addington and Elders Bill Sparks and Ray Flanery. She was

buried in the family cemetery on Craft's Colly. The maternal grandmother is Mrs. Opal Hall of Mayking. The Addingtons have a four-month-old son. They spent a week with their parents here and a sister, Mrs. Lora Craft, accompanied them back to Louisville to stay a while.

Mrs. Frank Blair of Mayking is very ill.

Roscoe Webb Sr. is home and doing fair after a recent sick spell. His son, G. B. Webb of Detroit, visited him over the week end. Another son, Junior Webb, is a patient in the Veterans' Hospital at Johnson City, Tenn.

The Boy Scout troop of the Millstone Council, led by Junior Back, have painted their room in the community center.

Mrs. Georgia Bowen of Colson is home after a buying trip to Lexington.

Through my work for The Mountain Eagle and the Salvation Army I receive letters from far-away places which I enjoy very much. One lady from New York sent me a little verse I liked so well I would like to share it with you: "For giving is living," the angel said. "Go give to the needy sweet Charity's bread." "But must I keep giving again and again?" My selfish and querulous answer came! "Oh, no," said the Angel, piercing me through, "Just give until the Lord stops giving to you."

I talked to my children in Louisville this week. Michael, almost 3, put the call through and it was such a joy to hear him tell about the family happenings. Pamela, too, had news to tell me about her work and her baby brother.

Pamela loves housework--guess she gets that from her grandmother Raleigh.

Junior Bentley and his wife are in Florida.

Doug Bentley has returned to Arizona after being home on leave from the Job Corps.

Well, we are already well into the New Year, and did you notice that the days are lengthening? Old folks always said that the first 12 days of the New Year ruled the 12 months weatherwise. If this saying holds true this year, the first seven months will be wet and cold, the next five will be dry and cold. Either is bad for crops. Let's hope we are wrong.

Blaine and I drove to Carr Creek to visit my folks, who are all fine. With Aunt Hattie Proffitt, we attended the funeral of Mrs. Mertie Collins Nease held by Elders Denver Tolliver, Manus Ison and I. D. Back. Mertie, a childhood friend, was the daughter of Geland Collins of Knott County. She died at the Jenkins Hospital after a short illness.

Hennie Adams, who recently suffered a stroke in Detroit, is much improved.

Elder Ballard Meade, Mrs. Meade and Junior had dinner at the home of the Oscar Halls after attending church at Rebecca Regular Baptist Church.

Carter Amburgey will be ordained as an elder in the Regular Baptist Church on Saturday, February 5, at the Elizabeth Church on Millstone.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Johnson of Neon visited Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Bentley.

Michael Bentley, son of the Kenneth Bentleys and a student at Eastern State College, is learn-

ing to do sky-diving in Louisville.

Be your own weather prophet: If the smoke from a coal burning furnace billows straight up, the weather will be fair; if it drifts to the ground, the weather will be foul.

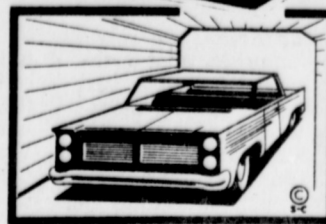
Ike Caudill of the Letcher County Economic Opportunity Office and his secretary, Miss Patricia Sparks, flew from Lexington to Washington, D. C., recently on a business trip.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Cole of Sergeant are home after visiting their children in Cincinnati for a few days. After returning Mr. Cole spent a few days in the Whitesburg hospital but is home now and doing fine.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dingus were happy to have their children home for a visit recently. There were Mr. and Mrs. Charlie (Sheila) Back and children; Mr. and Mrs. Frankie (Geneva) Dingus, all of Covington; Mr. and Mrs. Harold (Fay) Pingle and family of Jenkins, and Mr. and Mrs. Harold (Linda) Sexton and children of Neon.

Shirley Dingus is able to be out after a bout with chicken pox.

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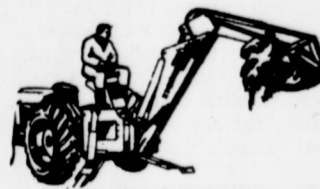
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Schools . . . (from Page 1)

who would suffer hardship under the new setup.

Day commented that he will send his young son back into the building when school takes up again. Several Whitesburg parents already have taken their children to other schools in the county system for enrollment or have transferred them to the Jenkins Independent school system or to the Catholic school at Jenkins.

A legal technicality prevented the City of Whitesburg from enforcing its original order issued through Day to keep the schools closed until they were brought up to standard.

Day's original order had been issued by him as city building inspector. But Whitesburg Attorney Harry M. Caudill, who represents the Board of Education, advised board members at a special meeting last Thursday that he and another local attorney (later identified as Stephen Combs Jr.) had decided the city building inspector has no authority over school buildings and that the ordinance under which he acted was applicable only to private dwellings.

After hearing Caudill's opinion the school board voted to direct Supt. Craft to proceed immediately with only those repairs recommended by the state board of education and state fire marshal. In addition, the board authorized Caudill to file suit against anyone who tried to interfere with the repair work.

Board Member Bert Banks, whose district includes Whitesburg, made both motions, and Board Member Kern Whitaker, Blackey, seconded them. Gobel Adams, the other board member whose district includes Whitesburg, voted "aye" on the first motion and was recorded as not voting on the second. A not-voting has the effect of a yes vote.

Board Member Arnold Hall, Hemphill, voted "no" on both motions. In explaining his "no" vote on the motion to proceed with only minimum repairs, Hall said he still was not convinced that the board could not provide safer classrooms by putting classes at Whitesburg on "split sessions." Hall said that if something did happen to either building, he did not want any parent to be able to point a finger at him as being partly responsible.

The board ordered Craft to proceed with repairs as quickly as possible. Workmen, in fact, had repairs as recommended by the state on Wednesday, but they were stopped by Day, who threatened to arrest anyone who tried to make repairs on the building or

who ordered such repairs to be made until plans had been filed with him. Wednesday afternoon the school board held a special meeting and heard a recommendation from the state that they proceed to make the minimum repairs set out by the state fire marshal and reopen school. The board also heard a denial from the state of its request to put the schools on double sessions.

The board also heard a preliminary opinion from Caudill that the City of Whitesburg had no authority over school buildings and thus no power to order them brought up to city electrical, plumbing and building codes. Caudill asked for more time to study the matter and returned the next day with a final opinion. Day would have authority, Caudill said, to act in his capacity as fire marshal, but he had not acted under that authority. Even then, eh said, the school board would have 10 days to appeal the order to the state department of public safety, which in turn would have 20 days to consider the appeal and decide whether to uphold Day's action. Meanwhile, school could continue, even if the buildings were unsafe.

The next day Day wrote and delivered another letter to the superintendent, saying in effect the same things he had said in his original order--that the plumbing must be brought up to code, that the floors should be replaced, that sprinkler systems must be installed, that door and window casings must be replaced, that wiring must be brought up to code, that all stairways must be enclosed, that an approved type fire alarm system must be installed in the old high school, that extra exits must be installed for all second-floor classrooms, that adequate fire escapes leading away from the buildings must be installed.

The board of education will have until Feb. 7 to appeal Day's order to the Department of Public Safety.

Day ordered the school buildings closed after the January Grand Jury called fire hazard conditions at the school "shocking" and called on state and local officials to enforce safety measures. The grand jury inspected the buildings after Whitesburg parents complained formally about conditions at the schools. The day after the report was issued, the board of education voted to close the top floors of both buildings, but the next Monday Day ordered the entire buildings closed.

Parents of Whitesburg students organized the Letcher County Citizens Committee for Better Schools and have been working with the school board to reach



INTERESTED IN SCHOOLS--This is part of the standing-room-only crowd which attended a called meeting of the Letcher County Board of Education in the circuit courtroom at the Letcher County Courthouse in Whitesburg. The meeting was called for a discussion of the Whitesburg school situation after the grade school and old high school building were closed because they were unsafe.



some solution to the problem.

Gene Moore, chairman of the committee, stressed this week that the committee does not intend to limit itself to Whitesburg in its activities.

"We are concerned about schools in the county as a whole, especially those other schools which the state fire marshal has called hazardous," he said.

As soon as the Whitesburg emergency is handled, he said, the committee hopes to work for better conditions in all schools in the county.

The fire marshal's chief inspector, Warren Southworth, told the board of education last week that if he had been closing the schools he would have closed several others in addition to those at Whitesburg. He did not list them, but his previous reports have noted conditions at Hemphill, Kingdom Come and Fleming-Neon similar to those at Whitesburg.

Blair rites held

Funeral services for Charlie Blair, 85, were conducted Jan. 15 at the Dixon Memorial Church at Jeremiah by the Rev. Henry Blair and the Rev. Carl Back.

Burial was in the Hampton Cemetery at Jeremiah.

Mr. Blair died Jan. 13 at his home at Jeremiah.

He was a son of Steven and Martha Blair.

Survivors are a daughter, Mrs. Oleva Back, Jeremiah; four sons, Curwood Blair, Detroit, Mich.; Robert Blair, Morehead; Wilmer Blair, Dayton, Ohio, and Eldon Blair, Meggett, S. C.; a brother, the Rev. Henry Blair, Floyd County; three sisters, Nancy Mullins, Scuddy; Celia Back, Jeremiah; and Arminta Huff of Miamisburg, Ohio; 14 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Blair Funeral Home handled funeral arrangements.

Mrs. Moore heads Heart Fund drive here in February

Mrs. Ferdinand Moore is serving as chairman of the Heart Fund campaign in Letcher County this month.

The Whitesburg Woman's Club is sponsor of the drive here. Mrs. Glen Polly is chairman of the Jenkins area campaign, which is sponsored by the American Legion. Mrs. Bill Pigman is head of the drive in the Fleming-Neon area, and the Neon and Fleming Homemakers are sponsors there.

The Whitesburg Woman's Club held a special meeting concerning the campaign in January.

Hearing Feb. 4

The state highway department will hold a public hearing at 10 a. m. Friday, Feb. 4, at the courthouse in Whitesburg on the proposed construction of US 119 between Whitesburg and Payne Gap. Aerial photos of the route will be on display.

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